

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, within the abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

-The invention relates to a liquid concentrate for the preservation of cosmetic and pharmaceutical products ~~based on~~ which comprises 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC), ~~which, in addition to IPBC, comprises~~ at least one liquid carrier ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of: polyvalent alcohols, glycol esters and glycol ethers, ~~or any mixture thereof~~ and at least one stabilizer ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of: formic acid, formic acid salts, and formate esters ~~or any mixture thereof,~~ and comprising no additional carboxylic acid ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of: benzoic acid, propionic acid, salicylic acid, sorbic acid, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, dehydroacetic acid and 10-undecylenic acid ~~or~~ and a salt thereof being present. -